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Comprising the Parish of LIMEHOUSE, the Hamlet of RATCLIFF, and the  
Parishes of SHADWELL & WAPPING.

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### **REGULATIONS**

in pursuance of the above Act, approved by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, on the 25th March, 1867.

### **REGISTRATION.**

1. Whenever the Board may deem it necessary to put these regulations into operation, in respect to any house let in lodgings, or occupied by more than one family or household, they shall give notice in writing to the owner thereof, stating the entire number of lodgers allowed to sleep in such houses, together with a ticket stating the number which each room in such house is registered to accommodate, which ticket he is to keep upon the premises, and to produce whenever required by any officer appointed by the Board for inspecting such houses.

2. A register shall be kept at the Offices of the Board

of all houses to which these regulations shall be made to apply.

3. The person paying, or liable to pay, rates for such house, or having paid them at the last collection, or whose name is entered as the owner thereof in the Poor Rate Book, shall be deemed to be the owner thereof for the purposes of these regulations.

### **NUMBER OF LODGERS.**

4. Not less than 300 cubie feet shall be the space for each lodger as a living room, nor less than 350 cubic feet as a sleeping and living room.

5. Two children under ten years of age shall reckon as one lodger.

6. Persons of different sexes shall not occupy the same sleeping room, except married couples, or parents with their children under 12 years of age, or any children exceeding 12 years of age.

### **CLEANLINESS.**

7. The owner of such house shall cause the floors to be kept clean, the walls and the eeilings of every room, and of the staircases and the passages of such house to be thoroughly cleansed, and well and suffieiently limewashed once (at least) in every year.

### **VENTILATION.**

8. The owner of such house shall cause every room and

the passages of each house to be ventilated to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

### **WATER SUPPLY.**

9. The owner of such house shall provide a storage for the supply of water to the inmates of not less than 15 gallons for each person, in such manner as shall be satisfactory to the Medical Officer of Health.

### **WATER CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.**

10. Every house, so registered, shall be provided with a water-closet or privy, properly trapped and panned, for every 20 persons living in the house ; the walls, roof, seat and floor, and door of the same shall be in good order. If there are more than 20 persons in such house then an additional water-closet shall be provided.

### **DRAINAGE.**

11. The drains, closets, and sinks shall be trapped so as to prevent effluvia arising from the sewers ; the sink in the yard shall be so placed as to take all the waste water through the drain from the closets.

### **YARDS & AREAS.**

12. The yards and areas of such houses shall be properly paved so as to run dry, and effectually to carry off all waste water.

### **DUST BINS.**

13. Every such house shall be provided with a dust bin, with a cover, for the dust, ashes, &c., that may accumulate from day to day, all such accumulations being carted away twice a week.

### **OWNER'S AGENT.**

14. When the Board shall require, every person registered, not resident in or near to any registered house, shall be obliged to appoint as his agent some person resident in or near the house, to see that the aforesaid regulations are strictly carried out in such house, and to reinstate such defects as may occur from time to time therein. But the person registered shall be responsible for any act or default of his agent in the execution of these regulations.

### **POWERS OF ENTRY.**

15. Every registered house and every room thereof shall be open to the Medical Officer of Health, and any other Officer of the Board appointed for the inspection thereof, between the hours of eight o'clock a.m. and ten p.m. When there is reason to believe that the regulations respecting the numbers of persons to be accommodated in such house or room are infringed, then it shall be lawful for any two such officers, acting together, to visit any house or room between the hours of ten p.m. and eight a.m.

## FEVER.

16. The owner of every such house, when a person in such house is ill of Fever, Small Pox, or any infectious or contagious disease, shall give immediate notice in writing to the Clerk of the Board, at the Office of the Board of Works.

## CLOSING HOUSES.

17. Whenever Fever, Small Pox, or any other dangerous and contagious disease shall have shown itself fatally or otherwise in any house, such disease continuously and persistently resisting the ordinary means for its destruction, then such house shall be closed for the more effectual cleansing and disinfecting of the same, for any period not exceeding one calendar month, at the discretion of the Medical Officer of Health.

## PENALTIES.

18. A copy of these regulations shall be left with the owner, and another copy on the premises, by the officer appointed by the Board, as soon as any house is registered; and any infringement of any one of them shall render the offender liable to penalties not exceeding forty shillings for any one offence, with an additional penalty not exceeding twenty shillings for every day during which a default in obeying such regulations may continue.

19. The above penalties may be imposed by the Board, and if on demand the person on whom they are imposed

refuses or neglects to pay the same, the Board, after giving three months' notice of their intention to do so, by posting a written or printed notice in a conspicuous place on the structure, in respect of which they have imposed such fines, or on the land whereon it stands, may sell such structure; and they shall, after deducting from the proceeds of such sale the amount of such fines imposed by them, restore the surplus (if any) to the owner.

20. The powers and duties imposed by these regulations on the Board may be exercised by the Sanitary Committee thereof.

21. The penalties from time to time inflicted under the above regulations shall go to the Nuisance Authority, and shall be accounted for by them as receipts under the Act of Parliament.

Confirmed,

S. H. WALPOLE.

*Home Office, 25th March, 1867.*

By order of the Board,

THOS. W. RATCLIFF,

*Clerk.*

*Offices of the Board—*

WHITE HORSE STREET, COMMERCIAL ROAD, E.